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## MONTANA SAWLOG AND VENEER LOG PRICE REPORT

Based on a survey of mills

October - December, 2017

The following information is a summary breakdown of recent past average prices reported by primary wood processors for logs of the various species listed. These prices are not necessarily a reflection of current market prices. Fair market prices may vary a great deal based on log size, length, quality, contract size and terms, and a number of other factors. All information reported is recent average price per thousand board feet (MBF), Scribner Decimal rule, delivered to the mill site.



## **SAWLOGS**

	EASTERN MONTANA		WESTERN MONTANA	
SPECIES	Average Price Per MBF	Demand Next 60 Days	Average Price Per MBF	Demand Next 60 Days
Ponderosa pine				
Yellow	\$323	Р	\$345	G
Bull	\$308	Р	\$323	G
Lodgepole pine	\$406	G	\$401	G
Douglas-fir	\$407	G	\$400	G
Western larch	\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	///////////////////////////////////////	\$400	G
Engelman spruce	\$406	G	\$401	G
Subalpine fir	\$394	F	\$359	G
Grand fir	\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	///////////////////////////////////////	\$384	G
Western redcedar	111111111111111111111111111111111111111	///////////////////////////////////////	\$585	F
Hemlock	111111111111111111111111111111111111111	///////////////////////////////////////	\$359	G
White pine	111111111111111111111111111111111111111	///////////////////////////////////////	\$366	G
Cottonwood	\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	\\\\\\\	N/A	N/A

## **VENEER LOGS**

	STATEWIDE		
SPECIES	Average Price Per MBF	Demand Next 60 Days	
Douglas-fir	\$460	G	
Western larch	\$460	G	
Engelman spruce	\$425	F	
Ponderosa pine	\$380	F	

Demand: G = Good

F = Fair

P = Poor

**NOTE:** All Mills reported buying burned logs. Price would depend on condition and how long they have been dead. No mills will accept logs with "char" burned through the bark. Prices ranged from the same as green logs to \$50/mbf less than green logs.